

ITS GROWTH WONDERFUL.

The Y. P. S. C. E. Now Numbers Over 2,000,000 Members.

CLEVELAND, O., July 12.—Secretary Sae's annual report showed the society to be in a very flourishing condition, and with an ever increasing membership almost phenomenal in proportions.

"The commanding officer," the secretary said, "finds that this host is not a mere wave of foamy, youthful enthusiasm, a part of it cast upon the shores of Lake Erie. On the contrary, it is an army as strong as steel and as flexible as ribbon." It is a God-giving, God-protected, God-advanced army.

The growth of the society during the past twelve months has been the largest since it was organized thirteen years ago. During that period 7,395 companies have been added to the ranks, against a gain of 5,278 companies added to the rolls during the previous year.

England has now 1,425 regularly enrolled companies, including 58 in Scotland and 38 in Ireland, or a total of 75,000 individual gains.

The gains have been very heavy in India, Japan, Turkey, China, France, Spain, Mexico and other foreign countries.

The total individual membership of the society in Canada at the present time is 124,580.

In all there are 28,666 companies enrolled in the United States and the total individual membership throughout the world is over 2,000,000.

Thirty Evangelical denominations are represented in the society. The Presbyterians still leading 6,252 companies. The Congregationalists the Baptists, Disciples, Methodists and Lutherans follow in the order named.

Saengerfest hall, the vast auditorium of this city with seating capacity of 10,000 was crowded to the doors this morning at the opening exercises of the great international Christian Endeavor society.

It is estimated that 20,000 strangers are in the city this morning and since the special resumption of railroad traffic the numbers are increasing, every incoming train bringing large crowds.

The exercises today consisted of two tremendous mass meetings. One was held in Saengerfest hall and the other in a big tent in the eastern part of the city. The tent has a seating capacity of 10,000. The address of welcome was delivered by Governor McKinley. The governor was very cordially received and his remarks vigorously applauded.

In the absence of President Clark who was unable to be here on account of illness, Rev. Charles F. Dilling, of Boston, presided over the meeting at Saengerfest hall. These were vocal exercises by 500 trained voices and short addresses by prominent members and leaders of the society.

At the several overflow meetings held in the big tent and near by churches, nearly 5,000 people were in attendance. All of the principal speeches delivered at Saengerfest hall were repeated at the overflow meetings by the speakers.

TO INTEREST REINHART

In a Magnificent Railroad Scheme When Utah Has a Stake.

New York, July 12.—A Washington dispatch to a morning paper says: "The day the president's signature is affixed to the Utah admission bill will see the launching of the greatest railroad enterprise of the west. A transcontinental scheme has been maturing and is only held back until Utah can be dealt with as a state. Behind the plan of development is the wealth and influence of the Mormon church. With the quietness characteristic of the Mormon leaders, the surveys have been made, the engineers have been sent, the sources of the country carefully investigated. The work is in such an advanced stage that the blue prints of the engineer's map are now here and ready to use for construction purposes.

"The road surveyed and to be built extends from Salt Lake City southward, then westerly to a Pacific connection in the Los Angeles country. If the connection cannot be made with the Santa Fe in Southern California, then this Utah road will be built through to the coast. But the probabilities are that a traffic route will be made with the Santa Fe from the Needles through to the coast.

"The projectors of the new road have already sounded President Reinhardt of the Santa Fe and are to have a formal meeting with him immediately after the statehood bill is signed.

"By reference to the map a branch of the Union Pacific will be seen reaching southward from Salt Lake city toward the coast country, but stopping short in the midst of the Sierras. The Mormons have done better than that. They have laid out a route which is a marvel to the engineers who have surveyed the routes. They parallel the ridges instead of crossing them. They have tangents sixty and seventy miles long, demonstrating that what appears to be the longest way round is really the shortest way to the coast.

"In Southern Utah are anthracite coal beds which exceed Pennsylvania's by one half, but which have until now been entirely escaped the Gentile railroad builder. These coal fields will be pierced by the new road.

"Bishop Clawson, of the Mormon church, is the active representative of Zion in this project. He is here and in charge of the lobby which has put the statehood bill through to the president's hands so smoothly. Associated with the bishop is Mr. Trumbone, one of the executors of the Stanford estate. Co-operating with the Mormons in the railroad and statehood scheme is Col. J. S. Clarkson, who represents capital to be invested in the road, and who will probably give his attention to the financing of the road, retiring from active politics."

A STAY FOR WIMAN.

His Commitment to the Penitentiary Delayed by Judge Bassett.

New York, July 12.—Justice Bassett in the supreme court this morning granted a certificate of reasonable doubt in the case of Erasmus Wiman. This acts as a stay of sentence and prevents the commitment of Mr. Wiman to the penitentiary.

JUSTICE JACKSON ILL.

He Leaves For the Northwest With His Physician.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 12.—Justice Howell E. Jackson, of the United States supreme court, is in Nashville, and will leave tonight for a trip to the northwest in company with his medical adviser. Judge Jackson is not critically ill, but he is in poor health. It is believed he will be restored by his trip.

MEAD'S DRUG STORE.

Judge Elliott Refuses a Permit—Mead Will Appeal to the District Court.

Dr. Charles Mead is not discouraged by the refusal of Probate Judge Elliott to allow him a permit to sell intoxicating liquors at 711 East Fourth street, and will take his case to the district court on appeal.

This is the second time Dr. Mead has made a similar application. He had asked to begin the sale at about June 1, but was refused on the ground that he had not complied with the clause of the law requiring him to have in his store at least \$1,000 worth of drugs aside from fixtures, etc.

In making his refusal the judge said: "If the common report on the streets is true, that parties who wish intoxicating liquors at licensed drug stores, can get liquor at libitum, with or without making an affidavit, then no drug store ought to be licensed, but as a test is to be made, the court will wait and see what truth is in the rumor, and what merit there is in the prosecution commenced."

And further: "The court holds that in order to be entitled to a permit, other things being proved, the court must find from the evidence that the applicant has at least \$1,000 worth of drugs as stock at the time the application is made, and that in the term drugs is comprehended a name ordinarily applied to simple medicines, but is now extended to every substance employed to cure disease. The court believes, holding to this definition, that the applicant has not that amount of stock, and is impressed that with nine drug stores in the second ward with permits, no more ought to be licensed in the ward to afford license for the purpose of which it may be sold. And if the permit is sought that the applicant may sell liquor without complying with the prohibitory law, then it ought to be refused."

In his second application made a few days ago, Mead declared that he now had more than the required \$1,000 of drugs, not including the fixtures. The judge, however, thought that in the strict definition of the term "drugs" there was some shade of doubt in Mead's declaration and so made a second refusal.

In case Mr. Mead's application had been successful there would have been ten drug stores in the second ward, each striving to do its duty in the world to counteract the unhealthy influence of the rattlesnake. Nine, the judge thinks, is a quite sufficient number to attend the ill of men who insist on loading along the banks of the Shungungungu barbed wire.

For these reasons one Dr. Charles Mead is transacting a good deal of business in and around the district court today. In the entire city there are thirty-four drug stores now selling intoxicating liquors under the protection of a permit and for the month of June the thirty-four satisfied 4968 legal thirsts and the county received through the probate court the sum of \$74.49 for taking legal cognizance of them. There are no drug stores in the county outside of Topeka that have permits.

Following is a list of the number of applications reported by the various druggists for June:

Lee Jones 295; D. Holmes 63; Rowley Bros. 216; J. A. Waltemire 331; W. H. Wilson 200; H. M. Washburn 63; A. B. Woolverton 164; Henry Page 70; J. A. L. Brown 77; L. S. Woolverton 239; W. Kuntz 236; W. D. Woodford 87; Geo. W. Fiad 224; Chas. F. Payne 59; George W. Stansfield 143; M. A. Funchess 81; J. E. Schenckley, 167; A. H. Merrill 84; A. J. Arnold & Son 235; E. B. Walker 161; B. A. Barrett 129; L. D. McKinley 163; M. Weigman 106; J. K. Jones 304; Fred Holler 150; A. W. Joyce 153; A. I. Webb 132; W. J. Goss 178; R. W. Squires 75; Swift & Holliday 276; W. S. Merrick 163; P. M. Shearer 97; H. A. Warner 43; Frank Hobart 100.

NORTH TOPEKA.

Items of Interest from the North Side of the River.

Will Cannon and family of Herington are the guests of Dr. Davis.

Miss Sarah Bernstein has returned from her visit to the mountain resorts of Colorado.

Marshall Gephart and C. F. Johnson came over from Okaloosa last night on the "banana" train.

J. C. Cromwell and Ray Parmeter drove to Pleasant Ridge last night to see the fireworks display.

Hon. D. M. Howard and J. F. Helms of Knoxville, came down this morning to attend the Populist rally.

Capt. J. R. Ellinwood was married this week at Salina, and returned home yesterday, accompanied by his bride.

Charlie Berry, Rob Smith, Miss Maud Allen and Miss Alice Frazier made up a boating party on Soldier creek last night.

Home Powell has returned from his annual vacation, which he spent with the family of J. C. Watt at Enid, Oklahoma.

Mrs. G. F. Kimball met with a painful accident Tuesday night, by falling down stairs. Her injuries are not considered dangerous.

The Star barber shop has been removed to the opposite side of the street, at 820 Kansas avenue. The new quarters have been handsomely fitted up with new paper and new carpet, and present a very handsome appearance.

Monarch gasoline stoves at Henry's. Go to Henry's for roofing and spouting. A full leather extension top survey for \$100, at Lukens Bros., North Topeka.

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For bargains in shingles see E. P. Ewart, Gordon and Kansas avenue.

Go to Will Griffith's for the best tin, galvanized iron and pump work.

Councilman M. C. Holman has returned from Lawrence where he has been in attendance on the sewer case. He says they have a good jury and he believes the city will win.

Officers of Capital lodge, Knights of Columbia deny that the lodge has surrendered its charter as was stated by a morning paper and say it has no intention of doing so. They will hold a meeting tonight.

Cal Matthews who has been firing on an engine out of Argentina has returned. He says there were more firemen than engineers down there. He had a run from Kansas City to Marshall, Mo., and camp near being mobbed at Sheffield on one trip.

THE END OF HER WAITING.



It was a new sensation to Dolly—this perfect, beautiful happiness. It seemed to her that some wonderful new brightness must have settled down over the world.

And it was only this morning that she had dusted the old brown dress and tried to brighten it with a fresh collar and pink bow. Only this morning—scarcely twelve hours ago—she had pinned on the brown hat, with its dejected "droopy" bows, and wondered if she must walk about under it all the summer. And now it was all away back in the pitiful past.

For at noon a telegram had come for her. She was eating her lunch, so daintily put up by Aunt Harriet, when the messenger-boy came into the little back room of the millinery store and handed her a yellow envelope.

"It is all right. 'Coming to-morrow. Robert.'"

That was all; but oh, the meaning of it! It meant an end to the years of weary waiting. It meant comfort and happiness and rest and the fulfillment of countless lovely dreams.

And it meant that an heir had been found at last by the puzzled lawyers, and that the fortune of the old Western miner would no longer go a-begging for some one to use it. For the miner's will had called for "the son of my friend Garrison Brent," and Robert was the fortunate man.

Dolly's hands were not quite steady that afternoon, when she fitted one after another of the pretty hats over her cousin Kitty's yellow bangs, and Kitty was hard to please.

"You ain't interested, Dolly; your eyes are dreamy. Do you know Robert is coming home? Amy told me; they had a telegram. He is the heir; isn't he rich? But he's had a hard time taking care of his mother and sisters and Mrs. Brown's children. That one is a little too close; try a flaring brim."

Dolly bought another hat and patiently laid the blue feathers around it.

"Maybe you'll be getting married now," Kitty said, smiling under the drooping plumes, "now that Robert is a rich man."

Dolly flushed and bent over the hats on the counter.

"It looks like it's time," Kitty went on, "if you are engaged, as people say. But long engagements rarely ever end in marriage, mother says. Yes, this one will do. Get it ready by Sunday, Dolly; and I nearly forgot—mother told me to ask if Aunt Harriet is through with her headache."

But it was not of her pretty cousin that Dolly thought now, as she lay in the hammock under the low spreading magnolia-tree down by the gate. She was resting and thinking of the blessedness of this new world that had formed itself about her—the world that held Robert all her own, and a home that she would make beautiful for him.

It was twenty years since Robert, standing by her under this very tree, all in blossom then, had told her the sweet story that every maiden must

hear. Twenty years! She had been a slip of a girl then, awkwardly conscious of her first long dress; and Robert, a boy scarcely older than herself, had blushed and stammered over the story that is never easy to tell.

And then his father had died, and his mother and sisters; and later on, a family of little orphaned nephews and nieces had been left to him.

Dolly was the first to say they must wait. She could see how impossible it would be for Robert to take care of them all. He left school and worked bravely on the old farm, and the waiting had gone on.

So twenty years crept away. Dolly had remained in her aunt's home, helping with the children at first, and afterward working down town; for her aunt's daughters needed everything, now that they were grown up, and Dolly was used to looking out for herself.

And now the waiting was over at last, and she would be Robert's wife. She would rather have waited for

than to have been a queen long ago. It seemed to her that the very leaves knew and trembled, as she did, with joy; and the stars twinkled down between them as if they, too, knew all about it.

The town clock struck ten and Patty and Ben came in from the reading club. They always lingered a little at the gate, as the manner of lovers is, you know.

Dolly smiled at the soft murmur of their voices came to her. She wondered if the poor young things would ever be as happy as she was then!

And then, as they walked slowly up the path, words began to grow out of the soft murmur.

"Bob Brent has struck it, they say," Bob remarked in his elegant way, and Patty replied mournfully:

"Ah, yes. How sorry I am for Dolly! Poor faithful, loving Dolly!"

"Sorry? Why isn't she in it? I thought they were—"

"Why, Ben," Patty broke in, with tears in her little babyish voice, "can't you see that Dolly is only a faded, middle-aged woman now, while Robert is in his prime—the handsomest man in town? And haven't you noticed how he admires Kitty? It was all well enough when he couldn't marry; but now—"

But the words were indistinct again; Dolly heard no more.

She had risen from the hammock and was standing, white and still, in the glare of the electric light. The stars were mocking her now above the lower light, and the breezes were whispering of the twenty years that had rolled over her, carrying her freshness away.

Ben saw her there when he came down to the gate, and bowed with a cheery, "Good night, Miss Dolly," and went whistling his newest favorite down the street.

Then Dolly crept up to her room.

"And I would have let him do it! I never would have thought of the change. Oh, the shame, the humiliation of it! To think that I, a faded middle-aged woman, would have held him to the promise made to a fair young girl twenty long years ago! He was too true and noble to let me know, too tender to hurt me. If only I had seen! It is all so different with women, but I never thought of it before. It would not matter to me how changed Robert might be; I'd love him only the more, if he needed more. But he is grandly handsome and—and he must have a young, pretty wife. It is best, I see that—best for Robert and for her and for me; for I couldn't bear to have him sorry or—or ashamed."

She loosened her dress at the throat and pressed her hands against her temples.

"He mustn't be ashamed of his—wife, dear, faithful Robert. He must be happy, now that the world is brighter for him. I can bear it—for him."

And then she wrote a letter, and, when it was finished, she knelt by her bedside, and the stars twinkled in and the breeze fanned her white, calm face. Faded? Oh, the beauty of it as she knelt there giving up all she held dear. What are dimples and all fresh prettiness compared to a beauty like that? You only get the soul after these are gone.

In the morning before any of the household was awake she took the letter and carried it out to the mailbox on the corner; and then she went to the hammock under the magnolia and watched the sun rise down at the end of the cross street.

Presently the gate latch clicked, and then a pair of strong arms folded themselves about her and her head was on Robert's broad shoulder, and he was telling her how he had longed for her, and what an age the last week had been.

"You would have been sorry for me, Dolly," he was saying; "for in my hurry getting off, I left your last photograph in the pocket of the coat I'd been wearing, and there was only the childish little thing taken twenty years ago. Forgive me, dear, but it's more like your little silly-faced Cousin Kitty than like you. There, don't be vexed—I know you are not very like her now; but, between us, I believe you were in those first days, though it is hard to think of my beautiful full-blown rose as anything less lovely and sweet than she is now. But you will soon be my very own, Dolly, and I shan't be missing a photograph when I have you."

Dolly drew her breath. She was in the new world again.

"Do you really want me, Robert?" she asked, a glad light in her dark-blue eyes.

"I'll show you pretty soon. Want you? Oh, Dolly!" and then he went on, laughing happily as he told her of his plan.

"I'm coming to-night with Mr. Sims, and I'm going to claim my wife and take her away with me. What a jolly tour ours shall be! Yes, I know there is always trouble about clothes and things; but we won't let that make the waiting longer. Put on the little blue frock and come away with me. I want you, and I've waited twenty years; and now I must hurry to mother and Amy and the small army of young people. I'll come for my wife at 9, Dolly. Will she be ready?"

What could she say but yes.

And then how her happy eyes followed him as long as his broad shoulders were in sight!

She stood by the gate until the postman came to take up the mail, and then she flew out to him and begged for the letter she had dropped through the slot an hour ago.

"It's against the rules, Miss Dolly," he said; but she held out her hand and lifted her pleading eyes to him, and he laid the letter across her palm.

Then the breakfast bell rang, and Dolly went in to tell them that her wedding day was come.

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LONDON, July 12.—A special dispatch to the Times from Paris says that the customs receipts for the past six months were 238,000,000 francs, 28,000,000 francs over the estimates. The dispatch adds that M. Viger, minister of agriculture, probably had this in mind when addressing the national agricultural society, he insisted that French farmers would have been ruined but for the return to the protection.

M. Viger warmly commended the tax on foreign cattle imported into France, but for which he said, the 4,550 head of American cattle landed since June would have caused a reduction of 2 cents per pound in the price of beef.

The Salesmen and Clerks union has elected the following officers: President J. G. Samuelson; vice president, F. L. Whitaker; secretary, W. U. Shearer; treasurer, D. Gerwig; treasurer, Chas. Figg; guide, A. L. Hull; guardian, J. E. Robinson; delegate to Trades and Labor assembly, J. G. Samuelson.

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